

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

MARCH 16, 2021

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Brad Berkemeier, and Phil King answered roll call.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley asked the Board to consider approval of the Indot street sweeping contract in the amount of \$2,160.00. She said it is the same as in previous years. Cameron moved to approve the contract with INDOT. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson reported that they will be completing their physicals next week.

Park – Director Burklow said he attended a utility board meeting and they agreed to excuse the water bill this season for the pool for the 3 months they are open.
Interviews for the pool will take place tomorrow.

Burklow asked permission to open the hiring process for 3 employees for seasonal help. McGowan moved to approve to open the hiring process for 3 summer employees. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. King asked if there is a limited time period for these employees to work. After some discussion McGowan moved to limit the days worked for these employees to 90 days. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Animal – Director Hanna reported that part-time employee, Bart Cottrell has given his 2-week notice. She asked permission to offer a full-time position to Christy Cleland, who is currently part-time. Hanna also requested that Cleland remain at \$10.00 per hour and then be reviewed in 90 days for an increase of \$1.00. Berkemeier moved to approve Hanna's request pursuant to making sure it is proper in the salary ordinance. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Berkemeier asked if any further steps have been made with the County regarding the agreement with the animal shelter. Mayor Pavey said he is trying to get a meeting set up with Paul Wilkinson.

APC/BZA – Director Clark stated that they have meetings tomorrow.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CCMG Update:** See outline below.
 - 4/5 Pavement Committee
 - 4/6 Board of Works Contract Approval
 - 4/7 Signing of Board of Works Approved Contracts
2. **Protest Guidelines:** Council is currently reviewing the Ordinances.
 - Ordinance 2021-6 Noise Control
 - Ordinance 2021-7 Special Events

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Change Orders** – Berkemeier moved to approve the change orders as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Bike & Pedestrian #9 \$4,309.55 Add Sign Foundation
 - Gateway Trailhead #4 Substantial completion date from June to July
 - Overlook #4 \$.00 Substantial completion date from May to June
2. **Monthly Project Claims:** Cameron moved to approve the project claims as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Overlook -\$147,513.35
 - The Lakes of Rushville (Boulders) \$93,070.00 + \$106,197.11
 - Morgan Street Bike & Pedestrian \$15,000.00
3. **Firefighter's Resignation** – Chief Munson was presented with letters of resignations. Cory Fischer had a payback to the City in the amount of \$824.71. His last day will be March 20th. He also had a letter of resignation from Richard Tracy with his last day being April 11th. Munson asked permission to start the hiring process and the promotion of lieutenant.

Cameron moved to approve the pay back to the City and resignation of Fischer effective March 20th. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cameron moved to accept the resignation of Richard Tracy with an effective date of March 30th instead of April 11. This would be the normal 2-week period. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cameron moved to begin the hiring process. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cameron made a motion to begin the promotion process for lieutenant within the department. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Opening City Hall** – Mayor Pavey said he will be asking Council to approve opening City Hall as of tomorrow.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Rush County is still in a blue status. Vaccinations are now available for age 45 and older.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.